

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A multipoint lock ~~(10)~~ including a locking mechanism ~~(16)~~ adapted to selectively retract and extend at least one locking element ~~(12)~~ relative to an elongate housing ~~(14)~~, wherein the locking mechanism includes an arm ~~(30)~~ pivotally attached to a lock actuator ~~(20)~~ and constrained to travel in a channel formed in a linkage device ~~(32)~~ linked to the at least one locking element, and wherein in a first position of the lock actuator, the arm is at a first limit of travel in the channel and is pivoted in a first angular direction with respect to the lock actuator so as to be geometrically locked at the first limit of travel.

ABSTRACT

A multipoint lock including a locking mechanism adapted to selectively retract and extend at least one locking element relative to an elongate housing, wherein the locking mechanism includes an arm pivotally attached to a lock actuator and constrained to travel in a channel formed in a linkage device linked to the at least one locking element, and wherein in a first position of the lock actuator, the arm is at a first limit of travel in the channel and is pivoted in a first angular direction with respect to the lock actuator so as to be geometrically locked at the first limit of travel.